

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claim 23 as follows:

4 1. (Previously Presented) A method for validating information in an electronic document,
5 comprising the steps of:

6 identifying a string having a unique identifier associated with the string;

7 creating a request for information associated with the unique identifier;

8 selecting a reference material source that contains the information associated with the
9 unique identifier;

10 accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the information associated
11 with the unique identifier; and

12 comparing the information associated with the unique identifier to the string to
13 determine whether the string is valid.

14 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of comparing the
15 information associated with the unique identifier to the string to determine whether the string is valid,
16 comprises the steps of:

17 if the information associated with the unique identifier matches the string, then
18 determining that the string is valid; and

19 otherwise, determining that the information associated with the unique identifier
20 updates the string.

21 3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a string
22 having a unique identifier associated with the string comprises the step of:

23 searching the electronic document for strings having unique identifiers when the
24 electronic document is opened.

25 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a name and the selected reference
26 material source is an address book.

27 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is an address and the selected
28 reference material source is an address book.

29 6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a value associated with a stock
30 symbol and the selected reference material source is a real time stock quote.

1 7. (Previously Presented) A method for providing reference material, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 receiving a request for selected reference material;
4 determining that an identity of a user is relevant to the selected reference material;
5 creating a request for information requesting the selected reference material and
6 identifying the user;
7 selecting a reference material source based upon the request for information;
8 accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference
9 material; and
10 providing the selected reference material in a manner that is relevant to the identified
11 user.

12 8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material is a set of
13 directions and wherein providing the selected reference material comprises:

14 providing the set of directions so that the directions begin with the identified user's
15 location.

16 9. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material source is one of
17 a plurality of reference material sources, and at least one of the reference material sources is a remote
18 server.

19 10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, further comprising the step of accessing
20 the selected reference material source via a network.

21 11. (Previously Presented) A system for integrating reference material into an electronic
22 document, comprising:

23 an application program for creating the electronic document and creating a request for
24 information to obtain selected reference material, wherein the electronic document comprises a string
25 having a unique identifier associated with the string, and wherein the request for information
26 comprises the unique identifier;

27 a reference engine for receiving the request for information from the application
28 program, selecting one of a plurality of reference material sources based upon the request for
29 information, and accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference
30 material; and

1 the plurality of reference material sources for providing the reference material.

2 12. (Previously Cancelled)

3 13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program
4 compares the selected reference material with the string to determine whether the string is valid.

5 14. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein a user's identity is relevant to the request for
6 information, and wherein the request for information comprises an identifier for the user.

7 15. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information includes a
8 selected word and a request for a definition of the word.

9 16. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program is a word
10 processing program having a selected language, and wherein the request for information comprises
11 an identifier for the selected language.

12 17. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material
13 sources is a dictionary in a first language and another one of the plurality of reference material
14 sources is a dictionary in a second language.

15 18. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material
16 sources is an address book associated with an electronic mail application program.

17 19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the request for information comprises a
18 unique identifier associated with an entry in the address book, and wherein the reference engine
19 selects the address book as the selected reference material source based upon the unique identifier.

20 20. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information comprises key
21 words summarizing the content of the electronic document.

22 21. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material
23 sources is a remote server.

24 22. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material
25 sources is accessed via a network.

26 23. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating a dictionary into a user interface of an
27 application program, comprising the steps of:

28 in response to a selection of a dictionary control provided ~~by~~ in the user interface of
29 the application program, displaying a dictionary interface on a display device;

30 receiving a request for a selected word;

1 creating a request for a definition of the selected word;
2 based upon the request for a definition, selecting a dictionary file;
3 accessing the dictionary file to obtain the definition of the selected word; and
4 providing the definition of the selected word so that the definition is displayed in the
5 dictionary interface.

6 24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein receiving a request for a selected word
7 comprises:

8 receiving the selected word via the dictionary interface.

9 25. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language
10 control and wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

11 receiving a selected language via the dictionary interface.

12 26. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language
13 control and wherein selecting a dictionary file comprises:

14 selecting a dictionary file associated with a language specified by the language
15 control.